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NASA Subcontractor Indicted

On January 25, 2000, a federal grand jury in the Middle District of Florida, Orlando, FL, returned a three count indictment charging Anthony L. Brooks, owner of Electronic Components and Fasteners North (ECFN), Deltona, FL, with making false statements regarding the conformance of fasteners sold to National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and Department of Defense (DoD) prime contractors.

The indictment resulted from an investigation that disclosed that Brooks sold nonconforming fasteners to NASA and DoD prime contractors and falsely certified that the fasteners met military specifications. Various quantities of fasteners sold to the prime contractors failed to meet specifications when tested, did not contain certificates of compliance from ECFN's supplier, and could not be traced to the original manufacturer.

If convicted, Brooks faces a maximum of 15 years in prison and a fine of \$750,000.

The investigation was conducted by the NASA Inspector General's Office of Criminal Investigations and the Defense Criminal Investigative Service. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Ana T. Escobar, Middle District of Florida, Orlando, FL (407) 648-7500.

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